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the following materials were delivered to the Soviet Zone Railroads during
the period from January through April 1952:

Item	Scheduled Deliveries in Deliveries the First Quarter for 1952	Deliveries in of 1952	Deliveries in April 1952
	(in tons unless stated otherwise)		
U and I steel sections, NP (standard section) 8-18	1,700	330	15
U and I steel heavier sections than NP 18	700	65	-
Standard rails and accessories	20,000	1,900	900
Rod steel, up to 30 mm in diameter	2,200	450	460
Rod steel, 30 mm and more	5,500	600	450
Hot rolled strip steel	450	22	32
Rolled wire	160	10	19
Sheet iron, 5 mm thick and more	8,000	440	220
Sheet iron, 3 to 5 mm thick	1,500	20	-
Sheet iron, 0.9 to 3 mm thick	1,450	720	160
Sheet iron, less than 0.9 mm	700	0.5	1.5
Wheel tires	10,000	2,500	800
Mannesmann tubes	5,000	240	175
Welded tubes for gas and water mains	275	140	20
Cold rolled strip steel	4	1	0.4
Cold rolled rod steel	260	1.5	5.3
Cast iron scrap	1,800	200	185
Gray iron castings	8,000	2,800	1,500
Welding electrodes	500	150	50
Screws and nuts	1,500	200	100
Wood screws	30	6	2.5
Rivets	800	90	40
Nails	180	40	20
Varnish and paints	4,500	700	250
Lumber	120 m ³	20 m ³	5 m ³

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2. The following information on the daily capacity of railroad-owned tie processing plants

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Tie Processing Plant	Shift 1	Shift 2	Shift 3	Daily Output	Used Ties to Be Delivered by Railroad District Headquarters
Zernsdorf	750	750	750	2,250	Berlin, Cottbus, Schwerin
Wuelknitz	700	700	700	2,100	Dresden
Engelsdorf	600	600	600	1,800	Halle, Magdeburg, Erfurt
Eberswalde	400	400	400	1,200	Greifswald
Neudietendorf	250	250	250	750	Erfurt
Total	2,700	2,700	2,700	8,100	2

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In order to eliminate the shortage of ties, the railroad-owned ballast works at Rothwisch³ has been ordered to manufacture 100,000 single concrete ground plates (Betoneinselstuetzen).⁴ This order requires the delivery of 2,000 tons of cement and 750 tons of rod iron. As the procurement of the rod iron is difficult, the cooperation of all the regional railroad headquarters in the procurement of this material. Rod iron 12.8 and 6mm. thick, which can be embedded in concrete, is required. Slight deviations are possible. The procured material will be dispatched to the ballast works at Rothwisch and will be paid for by the Schwerin regional railroad headquarters.

1. Comment. The tabulation shows that deliveries of materials to the Soviet Zone Railroad are very slow and remain behind schedule. This applies particularly to Mannesmann tubes which are urgently required for repair work on locomotives.

2. Comment. According to previous information, the output of the railroad-owned tie processing plants during one shift was as follows: Zernsdorf 600 ties, Wuelknitz 400 ties, Engelsdorf 700 ties, and Neudietendorf 300 ties.

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3. Comment. Cannot be further identified in available reference material.

4. Comment. The use of single concrete ground plates, which are laid longitudinally, reduces the number of ties required by about one-third, i.e., for 1 km. of track more than 500 ties would be saved. Previously, concrete ground plates, which are about 100 centimeters long, were installed only on auxiliary tracks at railroad stations or on secondary lines. The information indicates that they are to be used on main lines also.

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